

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet OFB Inaugural Transition Conference April 14-15 in Louisville

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 20, 2014) – The Kentucky Office for the Blind (OFB) is hosting its first Transition Conference April 14-15 to help blind or visually impaired high school students plan for life after high school. The conference at the Louisville Marriott East is free of charge, but registration is required by April 7.

The conference, themed “Beyond All Limits,” is designed to increase knowledge and provide current information on transition services for blind, visually impaired and deaf/blind high school students, family members, teachers, professionals in the field and employers.

The conference will feature Luis Pérez, a nationally known expert in the field of assistive technology. Pérez helps educators create a more inclusive learning environment for all students. Pérez earned a master’s in education in instructional technology and a doctorate in special education from the University of South Florida. While at USF, Pérez worked with the Florida Center for Instructional Technology (FCIT) to develop Tech Ease for All, a collection of free assistive technology and web accessibility tutorials for teachers.

Other presenters at the conference include Chris Groeber, chief executive officer of Key Assets, a provider of therapeutic foster care, employment and support community based services, and Allison Fleming, assistant professor in the rehabilitation counseling program at the University of Kentucky. In addition, there will be breakout sessions on a variety of topics.

The free of charge conference is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration and open to the public.

For more information, contact Cora McNabb at 502-564-4754 or cora.mcnabb@ky.gov. Additional information and online registration can be found on the OFB website at www.blind.ky.gov.

OFB, an agency in the Department of Workforce Investment, provides job counseling, education, job training and assistive technology services to Kentuckians who are blind and visually impaired so that they can have opportunities for employment and independence.